

REMARKS

A new Abstract on one sheet is provided herewith, and the typographical errors in claims 8 and 9 have been corrected.

The allowable nature of claim 4 is acknowledged. As a result, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claims 3 and 4 and has also been amended in other respects for clarity. It should be noted that although claim 2 was in the original chain of dependency of claim 4, based on the Office Action, it is clear that the allowable nature of claim 4 was not based on the recitations of claim 2. Thus, the recitations of claim 2 were not included in amended claim 1, and it, as well as the remaining claims which depend therefrom, should be in condition for allowance.

As a result, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claims 1, 2 and 5-9 is earnestly solicited.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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